

DETAILED ACTION

1. This application claims benefit of the foreign applications:
REPUBLIC OF KOREA 10-2002-0006585 with a filing date 02/05/2002 and
REPUBLIC OF KOREA 10-2003-0002772 with a filing date 01/15/2003.
2. Amendment of claim 1 in the amendment filed on January 14, 2008 is acknowledged. Claims 1-5 are pending in the application.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT


3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kelly Y. Hwang on April 22, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, line 2, after "compound", and insert

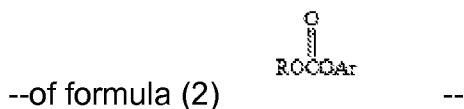
--of formula (2)  or formula (3) , --

Claim 1, line 5, after "dialkyl carbonate", and insert

--of formula (1)  --

Claim 1, line 5-6, after "alkyl aryl carbonate compound", and insert

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Claim 1, line 6, after "aromatic hydroxyl compound", and insert

--of formula ArOH, wherein R is alkyl group, and each Ar is an aromatic group having 5 to 30 carbon atoms, --

In claim 4, line 1, after "4. (withdrawn)", delete "A", and insert

--According to the continuous method of claim 1, wherein the --

In claim 5, line 1, after "5. (withdrawn)", delete "The", and insert

--According to the continuous method of claim 4, wherein the --

In claim 5, line 2, after "aromatic carbonate", delete "of claim 4".

Reasons for Allowance

4. Since the limitation of final product and starting materials of formulae (1)-(3) has been incorporated into claim 1, therefore the rejection of claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph has been overcome by the Examiner's amendment above.

5. Since the instant processes (i.e., separating high boiling point components and low boiling point components) and the used reaction apparatus are distinct from Rechner et al. '451 or Komiya et al. '275, therefore the rejection of claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) or 103(a) has been overcome in the amendment filed on January 14, 2008.

6. Claims 1-5 are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious over the art of record, and therefore are allowable. The closest reference is Rechner et al. US 5,523,451, which discloses process for the continuous preparation of aryl carbonates. The difference between the instant claims and Rechner et al. is that the instant processes of making has not been found. A suggestion for modification of above reference to obtain the instant processes of making has not been found. Claims 1-5 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rei-tsang Shiao whose telephone number is (571) 272-0707. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph K. McKane can be reached on (571) 272-0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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